

Crisafulli located the girl, and led her through the blazing, smoke-filled home to safety.

West Glendive Fire Chief Tim Mort had this to say: "He's an absolute hero. There is little doubt in my mind that young woman is alive today because of the actions of Richie Crisafulli."

To Richie Crisafulli's credit, he has remained humble in the face of the ensuing praise, saying the story was not about him, but more about the department and the people he both serves and serves with: "My grandfather was a part of this fire department from the beginning. I'm proud to be able to follow in my family's footsteps and honored to serve with my fellow firefighters. If it would have been one of my four kids, I'm sure someone else would have done the same."

Fearless in response and humble in praise—Richie Crisafulli went above and beyond the call of duty and I applaud him today. May he and his family be blessed, just as I know the grateful family of the young woman he rescued are, now that their daughter and sister is alive today to love and be loved by her family and friends.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently cast a "no" vote during the rollcall vote No. 356 on amendment 42 to "H.R. 1540—The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012." I would like to change my vote on the amendment to "yea."

#### MEDIA IGNORE STUDY SHOWING STIMULUS FAILED

### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a recent study found that the Obama Administration's so-called stimulus plan destroyed American jobs.

Economists from Ohio State University and the University of Western Ontario determined that the stimulus caused a net loss of over a half-million jobs from April 2009 to September 2010, including a loss of more than one million private-sector jobs.

If you didn't hear about this study, you're not alone—the national media largely ignored it.

Investor's Business Daily and Fox News covered the study, but most other national outlets were predictably silent.

It's no wonder only 1 in 10 Americans trust the media, according to a recent public opinion poll.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not ignore them to protect the Obama Administration.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. STEVEN DAVIES

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Steven Davies who retires this year after completing thirty five years of teaching visual arts and photography at Westlake High School.

Mr. Davies graduated from Bowling Green University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and received his Masters degree in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College.

Mr. Davies has been teaching visual arts and photography at Westlake High School for thirty five years. Among art forms which interest him most are drawing, wood, sculpture and photography. During his long career at Westlake High School, Mr. Davies served as the Art Department Chairman and as a member of the Building Leadership Team. He has coached football and baseball and was senior class advisor.

Mr. Davies approaches his teaching profession with diligence and a serious commitment. "I will do anything in my power to help your child reach his or her full potential. My mission, as a teacher, is to make the learning process a thrilling life-long endeavor. I will promote the concepts of trust and respect within my classroom. And, I will establish high expectations for the students and hold them accountable to fulfill these expectations."

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of Mr. Steven Davies as he retires after thirty five years of teaching.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on May 24, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted on the following:

Rollcall No. 333—On Ordering the Previous Question—"nay."

Rollcall No. 334—On Agreeing to the Resolution—"no."

Rollcall No. 335—On Motion that the Committee Rise—"no."

Rollcall No. 336—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Tonko No. 2)—"aye."

Rollcall No. 337—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Cardoza No. 9)—"aye."

#### HONORING RANDALL D. BYRNE

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Randall D. Byrne as he retires as City Manager of the City of Grand Blanc, Michigan, after nearly 30 years of service. His retirement is planned for June 3.

Randy Byrne served as the Village Manager of Almont Village before accepting the post of Grand Blanc City Manager. During his tenure with the City of Grand Blanc he served with 6 Mayors and 24 City Council members and has accomplished numerous major projects. These include the construction of the City Hall, the Water Softening Project, the Grand Oak Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Project, expansion of Rust Park, creation of the Downtown Development Authority, expansion of the Gordon Mancour Fire Hall, the Jack Kipps Public Works Building, and construction of the Grand Blanc Senior Center, street and infrastructure projects and \$12 million worth of grant projects.

In addition to his work for the City, Randy Byrne served as President of the Grand Blanc Rotary Club twice, Vice President of the Genesee County 911 Executive Board, President of the Michigan Local Government Management Association, and Board Member of the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce. He was named the 1999 Citizen of the Year by the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University, his Master's Degree from Oakland University, received Credential Manager Status from the International City Management Association and attended the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia. Randy and his wife Patricia have 3 sons, Phil, Kevin, and Chris.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the public service career of Randall Byrne. Through his hard work, and perseverance the City of Grand Blanc is a thriving community. The residents, staff, and elected officials have all benefitted from his expertise and enthusiasm and his leadership will be missed. I wish him the best as he enters the next phase of his life.

#### HONORING CHUCK APPLEBY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN CON- NECTICUT CARPENTER'S UNION LOCAL 24

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chuck Appleby of Waterford, Connecticut upon his retirement as the President and Business Manager of the Central and Eastern Connecticut Carpenter's Union Local #24.

For 31 years, Chuck has been an active member of Local 24, the last 11 of which he has served as the President and Business Manager. In communities across Connecticut, Chuck has led the fight for fair wages, good jobs and equal treatment for his fellow carpenters and those in the labor fight. Chuck also served in leadership positions for the Southeast Connecticut Labor Council and the New England Regional Council of Carpenters Executive Board.

Chuck is also an active member of his community. From the Gemma Moran food bank to Three Rivers Community College to the Fallen Veterans Foundation and the Ocean Beach Boardwalk rehabilitation project, Chuck has volunteered his time, his talents, and his treasure to make a difference in the region.